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"(e) Finer counts are spun out of imported cotton the prices of which were very high till recently. Certain mills were therefore forced to discontinue spinning of higher counts, as their production was not economical.

"(f) Yes.

"(g) The price of foreign yarn is not controlled.

"(h) At present the Government of India are not in favour of controlling the prices of foreign yarn, apparently because the quantities are not expected to be appreciable.

"(i) As the quantity of imported yarn is very small, its prices will not affect the present scheme of yarn control."

Direct recruitment in the Police department.

* 154 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) how many officers have been directly recruited as Deputy, Assistant and District Superintendents and how many have been promoted from the ranks to the said posts in the Police department in the Presidency recently; and

(b) whether it is a fact that no Andhra has either been recruited directly or promoted from the ranks to the said posts recently?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"(a) The following are the particulars of officers recruited since 15th August 1947 :—

I. Officers directly recruited—		
Deputy Superintendents of Police.	**5**	**Two Andhras.**
Assistant Superintendents of Police.	**7**	**One Andhra.**
District Superintendents of Police.	**..**	**There is no direct recruitment.**
II. Officers promoted—		
Deputy Superintendents of Police.	**49**	**Twelve Andhras.**
Assistant Superintendents of Police.	**..**	**There is no promotion to the rank of Assistant Superintendents of Police.**
District Superintendents of Police.	**25**	**Six Andhras.**

"(b) The answer is in the negative."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, why only one Andhra has been selected as an Assistant Superintendent of Police out of 7?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"I do not think, Sir, that this sort of promotions and selections are made on a

linguistic basis at all. Moreover people in the higher rank in the Police department are under the control of the Government of India. They make the selection and recommend the candidates to us. Besides many of the Superintendents of Police are people who were drafted from the Army because they have served well in the Army and they were also recommended to us by the Federal Public Service Commission. They are not concerned with all these things as from which areas people come. They have a selection list out of which they make recommendations and we of course take such people as we want out of the list they submit to us."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, who makes the selection for direct recruitment of the Deputy Superintendents of Police?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government of Madras, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In the matter of selection of officers, Sir, should not the Government take into consideration their merits irrespective of the linguistic areas and communities?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister has already said so."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, the basis of selection is only on merit. It is not a question of area at all or communities except in the case of the depressed and backward classes where a particular preference is given to people qualified for the job."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" May I know, how many of these people are Tamilians, Sir."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I suppose, Sir, all those who are not Andhras are Tamilians."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is it the view of the Hon. Minister, Sir, that all those who are not Andhras are Tamilians? What about the Malayalees and others, Sir."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The majority of them are certainly Tamilians, Sir. There may be an intermixture of a few Malayalees and Kannada speaking people."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" My question was, Sir, whether Malabar has already been absorbed into the Tamilnad?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am inclined to think, Sir, that Malabar is over-represented in the service."

Change in the names of municipalities and panchayat boards.

11-30 a.m. * 155 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many municipalities and major and minor panchayat boards have changed their names since 15th August 1947;